

MB slams litterbugs who dirty rivers

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KUANTAN: Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob took to task those who indiscriminately throw rubbish into rivers.

In fact, he said, he had personally told off people for doing so.

"It saddens me to see that there are still people who resort to this bad habit despite the numerous awareness campaigns stressing the importance of keeping our rivers clean," he said in his speech at a dinner organised by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) here recently.

The dinner was in honour of UMP's researchers who had won the *Cendekia Bitara* awards.

Adnan said many still do not realise the importance of preserving and protecting water resources.

"They take things for granted as they can easily get water supply in their homes. Just because clean water is easily accessible, they tend to waste it," he added.

He later gave away prizes to winners of the awards, including Associate Prof Dr Mimi Sakinah Abdul Munaim, Prof Datuk Dr Rosli Mohd Yunus, Associate Prof Dr Zularisam Ab Wahid, Associate Prof Dr Hayder A. Abdul Bari, Dr Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed Haidar, Dr Choong Fui Chan, Sunarti Abd Rahman, Prof Dr Jose Rajan, Fadhlur Rahman Mohd Ramlay and Prof Dr Korada Viswanatha Sharma.